President's REPORT

Sid Frankel — President

The 2002 Annual Report provides an informative summary of the activities, accomplishments and finances of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg — a snapshot of our fast paced organization, skillfully presented by our committee chairs, executive director and staff. It remains for me to reflect upon the vital roles the organization plays in the community and the vision that unifies us in this work.

First, the Council has a primary role in developing and communicating an integrative vision for the city of Winnipeg. We believe that this vision should be based on the ancient Greek ideal of citizenship in a city state that provides the social context for a fulfilling life for all who enjoy the rights of citizenship. Clearly, this goes far beyond the idea that citizens are merely consumers of services provided by government, or that government's only role in its citizens' welfare is to provide minimal assistance to those suffering privation and low levels of taxation to everyone else.

From our point of view, government is not inherently separate from society or harmful to it, as some would have us believe. Rather, it is society's expression of the vision of the common good and an essential mechanism for attaining that vision, when it behaves appropriately. When governments see their role as promoting cost containment, rather than citizen welfare, citizens cannot count on safe water or secure airports. If citizens are not provided with the basis for a psychological stake in their community, they may seek to meet their needs through means that harm other citizens or the community at large.

Second, the Council helps to ensure that an inclusive planning process is employed in order that the full breadth of community assets are invested in social development. This should not be left to chance, nor to decisions made by the market or government officials. Rather, real involvement must be actively encouraged.

Third, the Council has an important role in supporting geographic communities, communities of interest and communities of identity to develop their capacities and assets. An important aspect of this work is the strengthening of voluntary sector organizations, which bolster the very infrastructure of civil society.

Fourth, the Council has a key role in terms of community-based research. This includes the identification and description of need, as well as the description and evaluation of community-based approaches to meeting need.

Fifth, the Council provides policy analysis and policy advice to governments and to those who seek to influence governments, from the special perspective of a developmental vision for our community.

Sixth, the Council performs an important public education function, dispelling the myths that are often used to justify neglect or punishment of poor and marginalized groups of citizens.

Finally, the Council is a relentless policy advocate, taking as many opportunities as possible to influence governments to implement developmental, humane and effective policies.

In closing, I would like to thank the funders who have the vision to support us in this work, and all of the board, committee and staff members who accomplish so much.

Executive Director's REPORT

Wayne Helgason — Executive director

The Social Planning Council's 83rd year of operation has brought considerable progress. The increased recognition of the significance of the voluntary/charitable sector by all levels of government gives positive indications of opportunity. The prospect of community support in the form of action research, participatory planning, and appropriate implementation of programs and responses under community control, will lead to exciting developments in Winnipeg. Our role in shaping the Federal Accord, announced December 5, 2001, was significant. SPC is one of only seven organizations credited with authoring this national agreement that affirms the role of the voluntary sector. We look forward to the way in which Manitoba will also respond to the sector, as we work together with the United Way, the Winnipeg Foundation, Arts Stabilization Manitoba, the Thomas Sill Foundation and the Volunteer Centre of Winnipeg. The upcoming summit in January 2003 should be another historic achievement resulting in a sustained benefit to the community.

As the Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth-Centred Prairie Communities evolves and matures, our stewardship of this important Prairie initiative continues to generate a feeling of shared accomplishment with the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre, the University of Manitoba and Healthy Child Manitoba.

Our participation in the Summer Institute on Population Health Promotion has become an anticipated and regular feature of Manitoba activity in furthering a population health approach to many community issues. We must appreciate the support of Health Canada in actively supporting this idea from its creation through its successful implementation.

The Third Annual Mayoral State of the City Address was a significant event in which His Worship Mayor Glen Murray reported to the community about issues from a civic perspective.

The strategic planning exercise completed this year, will provide for some renewal and innovation in responding to emerging community issues. Even in our success, we have found it useful to objectively examine our processes to increase our effectiveness.

As the provincial government moves to address the social and economic challenges facing our communities in Winnipeg, we will build on our relationship to assist them to bring sustained improvement to the policies and programs provided to the marginalized and vulnerable among us. The Community Empowerment Project for Women by Women supported by Neighbourhoods Alive! has shown how we can facilitate provincial and federal support for community benefit.

I have very much appreciated the commitment and leadership of all of the volunteers who contribute to the agency, but I would like to specifically acknowledge the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The direction and support provided by community leadership of the caliber we have, make difficult and complex challenges we face as staff much less daunting. Our staff face ever-increasing demands and work tirelessly to perform to a very exacting standard expected of our agency. We will continue to respond to the absolute best of our ability. As a United Way agency, we realize that we are privileged to have the opportunity to serve our community, and we individually and collectively will uphold the trust placed upon us.

Poverty advisory committee REPORT

Harold Dyck — Chair

The Poverty Advisory Committee expanded its work over the past year, thanks to the dedicated efforts of a hard working and diverse group of citizens — some of whom experience poverty — social service providers, and academics. Increased participation of volunteers in the Committee and its working sub-committees has allowed us to expand a number of initiatives and further enhance the role of the Social Planning Council as an effective voice for the least empowered sectors of our society.

Recessionary pressures have contributed to an increased depth of poverty in Winnipeg over the past year. However, there is also growing awareness in the community of the desperation felt by the victims of poverty and its impact on society as a whole. The Committee continues to advance this awareness by educating the public on poverty concerns, empowering low-income citizens, and pressuring decision makers to reverse past policies that have intensified poverty.

This year, our sub-committees have made a number of noteworthy contributions, including the development of a new educational resource kit to be used for poverty sensitivity training in the community, and a public education initiative on the impact of changes in mass transportation and transit fares on citizens with low and fixed incomes. A new sub-committee has recently begun to examine the importance of education and training as a tool in fighting poverty.

Among the Committee's many accomplishments over the past year, some of our more significant efforts have included:

- Voicing concerns and developing proposals around low-income housing, including a meeting with Drew Caldwell, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, on rent-controls and low-income housing supports;
- Meetings with Tim Sale, Minister of Family Services, on issues of basic welfare rates, housing supports, employment training, and work incentive programs.
- Presentations on the cost of utilities, disability programs of the Department of Family Services, the Social Services Appeal Board Act, and minimum wage rates.
- Continued work with the Christmas Cheer Board to enhance its role as a vital community resource.

The Poverty Advisory Committee plays a vital and growing role in the work of the Social Planning Council and the community. We continue to welcome the participation of new members with all the energy and ideas they can bring to our work for the coming year.

Special thanks must be expressed to the staff members assigned to work with our committee over the past year, Christine Ogaranko and Damon Van Steelandt. None of our accomplishments would have been possible without their dedication, talents, and long hours of hard work. Finally, I express my thanks to the committee members themselves who made this past year such a rewarding and successful experience.

Campaign 2000 Continues

REPORT

Sandy Hyman — Chair

The Campaign 2000 Steering Committee, as a standing committee of the Social Planning Council, is committed to raising awareness of child poverty in Manitoba. The Committee is supported by a coalition of community organizations comprising the Manitoba Campaign 2000 Network.

The year 2001 was particularly challenging for Campaign 2000 members. Despite economic growth, prosperity had not reached those most in need. The gap between the rich and the poor continued to swell and child poverty rates increased. The federal government showed little evidence of making child poverty a priority and, for the second consecutive year, failed to fulfill their promise to eliminate child poverty in Canada by the year 2000.

In November, the Steering Committee released the "2001 Report on Child Poverty in Manitoba – Promises Not Kept." The report highlighted the fact that one in four Manitoban children live in poverty, the second highest child poverty rate in Canada. The situation is particularly critical for children of single parent families and Aboriginal children. To coincide with the release of the report, the Steering Committee organized a candlelight vigil to allow the community and members of various faith groups to come together and share in their commitment to the elimination of child poverty.

In an effort to support the annual Report on Child Poverty and to keep issues in the forefront for government, communities and individuals throughout the year, the Steering Committee has developed the "Poverty Barometer." The "Poverty Barometer" is a quarterly publication developed to broaden public awareness of the circumstances of Manitoban children and provide recommendations for changes. To date, three poverty barometers have been released. Themes have included back-to-school costs, holiday costs, and affordability and accessibility of nutritious foods. The next poverty barometer is scheduled to be released in June 2002.

The Steering Committee continues to work diligently with government and not-for-profit agencies in raising public awareness and advocating for changes. The Committee is currently working on issues related to childcare, education, and early childhood development, among others. The Committee also continues to actively support the ongoing initiatives of the National Campaign 2000. A meeting of all national partners took place in February 2002. Topics of discussion included strategies for sustaining and broadening awareness of child poverty as well as potential projects and opportunities. The national campaign has amended its name to Campaign 2000 Continues to reflect its continuing commitment to ensuring that child poverty is a priority on the government's agenda.

The Campaign 2000 Steering Committee is looking forward to facing the challenges that lay ahead and working with members of the Network in addressing issues on behalf of children living in poverty. We are currently contacting inactive members and welcome new members.

Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination

REPORT

Marty Dolin — Chair

The Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination has had a busy year, continuing to work on several projects from last year, as well as taking up several new equity issues.

The Committee continued its work on the accreditation process for foreign trained professionals, promoting the concept of observerships and identifying barriers to foreign trained specialists. Committee members met with the Honourable Dave Chomiak, Minister of Health, to discuss concerns regarding this issue. The Committee argued for conditional licenses for all foreign trained doctors and endorsed the idea of a rotating loan fund as a way of dealing with barriers created by exam fee requirements.

The Committee has had much involvement with anti-racism education, submitting a media release proposing that anti-racism education be made a priority by the provincial government, and writing letters to School Divisions regarding the pursuit of anti-racism education. Committee members highlighted this issue for the provincial government through a presentation to Ministers Drew Caldwell and Diane McGifford. We have also met with representatives of the Leadership in Accountability Dialogue to discuss the Winnipeg School Division ward system, and have agreed to become a member of their coalition and to form a partnership around the education agenda.

The Committee feels that the promotion and implementation of anti-racism education policy is critical in today's society. To help further work in this area, members of our Anti-Racism Education Sub-Committee participated in a public consultation regarding the Province's proposed diversity and equity educational strategy. The Sub-Committee has maintained its effectiveness by continuously involving new participants who are concerned about this very important issue.

The Committee continued its involvement with events surrounding the World Conference Against Racism (WCAR), by co-sponsoring a follow-up forum. Delegates to the WCAR spoke to recommendations that Manitobans made at the pre-conference consultation held in September 2000. Participants at the follow-up forum helped form a local agenda for action against racism and discrimination.

The Committee has also been involved in promoting the implementation of anti-racism policies and assisting with anti-racist education in various organizations. We have continued to see employment equity as a priority and have provided recommendations to the contractor for the City of Winnipeg Workforce Analysis and Employment Systems Review.

Regretfully, we said goodbye to our long-time staff resource, Maureen Kalloo, who retired in December 2001. On an interim basis, Darcey Bell assumed this role until March 2002. Darcey enthusiastically supported the committee and demonstrated her dedication to the eradication of systemic racism. The Committee now welcomes Harpa Isfeld as staff resource. Harpa's diverse skill set makes her a valuable member of our team.

The Committee for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination will continue to work with diverse communities, policy-makers, funders, service providers, ethnocultural and Aboriginal groups, and the general public in the city of Winnipeg to respond to current and emerging issues regarding equity and anti-racism. We encourage any individuals interested in issues of equity and anti-racism to work with us towards the realization of our goal – the elimination of racism and discrimination.

Marketing & Membership Services Commitee REPORT

Barbara Palace — Chair

The Marketing and Membership Services Committee supports the work of SPC staff in communicating with our members and with the community at large. The Committee's work has primarily dealt with the following areas:

Membership and Marketing Plan:

This plan to improve communications with members and the community at large was initiated in May 1999. Having succeeded in more than doubling our membership, establishing an extensive agency database, and improving the efficiency of communications with members through e-mail, the organization is now proceeding to develop a plan for sustaining and improving the quality of our contact database.

Website Maintenance and Improvement:

The SPC website continues to evolve as a source of information important to our community. Reports and position papers on the site address a number of subject areas, including child well-being, poverty issues, community development, youth engagement, and homelessness. Regularly featured publications include the quarterly SPC Bulletin, the Report on Child Poverty in Manitoba, and SPC's Response to the Provincial Budget. The site also contains a variety of news releases and reports produced in cooperation with other agencies or government, such as "A Community Plan on Homelessness and Housing in Winnipeg," produced by SPC and the City of Winnipeg.

The Council is continually working to improve the quality of its website. To this end, we have recently contracted with a local small business to help improve the maintenance of the website through systematized, regular updates. A new photo gallery page provides our visitors with a virtual view of our events and adds an active and personal quality to the site, which better reflects our relationship with the community. We are particularly proud of the innovative e-card produced in conjunction with the Report on Child Poverty this year. This electronic postcard provides site visitors with a direct means to urge the three levels of government to take steps to eliminate child poverty.

Community Events:

A review of the past year's calendar shows a full schedule of events. Highlights of the year include the first Premier's State of the Province Address held on January 22, 2002. Premier Doer addressed community development, minimum wage, early childhood programs, and health care and recognized SPC for its work in these areas. On March 12, the Third Annual Mayoral State of the City Address proved as successful as ever, with credit due to His Worship Glen Murray for another engaging address. The annual Child Poverty Vigil drew a committed crowd. Although the issue of poverty has not received the media attention it deserves, committed members of SPC's Poverty Advisory Committee have stepped up public education efforts with the production of a concise, factual quarterly "Poverty Barometer" targeted at a broad audience, to which SPC staff have provided support. SPC also contributed to promoting initiatives lead by other organizations, including the Population Health Summer Institute to be held at the University of Manitoba in August 2002, and Manitoba's Voluntary Sector Initiative.

The Committee expresses thanks to Harpa Isfeld, Patti Stewart Bruneau, and Darcey Bell for their contribution of time and talent in coordinating communications, and for their flexibility and responsiveness to the agency's needs during a period of considerable change.

Coordinated Community Capacity Building Committee

Maureen Kalloo — Research Director

Initiated in 1999 with the support of the Population and Public Health Branch of Health Canada, this project brings together grassroots community organizations which facilitate healthy development of their neighbourhoods through a capacity building approach. The Coordinating Committee is comprised of members from the following organizations: Community Education Development Association, Elmwood Community Resource Centre (formerly Chalmers Neighbourhood Project), Portage Neighbourhood Connections (in Portage la Prairie), St.Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry, and West Broadway Neighbourhood Housing Resource Centre. These organizations operate with small groups of dedicated staff and volunteers to respond to numerous economic, social, and environmental challenges in their communities.

The Committee's objective is to provide an opportunity for community organizations throughout Manitoba to work cooperatively to

- promote community capacity building throughout Manitoba;
- share knowledge and resources;
- educate communities not engaged in community capacity building on the methods and benefits of this strategy; and
- work with various levels of government to influence policy;

Over the past three years, the group has had considerable impact on community at the grassroots level. Among their many accomplishments, the Committee has produced several publications to assist communities in implementing their own community capacity building initiatives, including the "Model for Community Capacity Building and Sustainability," and held a conference entitled "Building Sustainable Communities" which highlighted community capacity building as a successful and effective model of community development.

This year, the Committee has focused primarily upon refining its grassroots model of capacity building and sustainability; increasing dialogue with government representatives to garner support for this approach; laying the groundwork for a mentorship and training program to support emergent leaders and small, fledgling, community organizations engaged in the early stages of community development; and completing a thorough evaluation of the project's effectiveness.

The Committee is currently reviewing recommendations brought forward in the evaluation process, including a re-examination of its goals, clarification of the definition of community capacity building, and expansion of its membership.

The Community Empowerment Project for Women by Women

This is a community-based project that addresses issues at the neighbourhood level from a women's perspective. Given women's unique roles within the family and in society, the project aims to give women a voice in identifying their issues and an opportunity to develop their solutions. By working together and in partnership with other community stakeholders, these women can improve conditions for themselves, their families and their communities.

The women's project is being carried out in two Winnipeg inner-city neighbourhoods, West Central and North Point Douglas, where high levels of poverty and poverty-related conditions impact on the economic and social well-being of individuals, families and the community as a whole. Ethno-cultural diversity among residents also makes inclusion a major consideration in the planning, development and implementation of activities and programs.

Goals specific to each of the project sites have been identified by community women though P.A.T.H. planning processes. With leadership from their respective advisory committees, comprised of community women and partner organizations, the women have begun to apply some of their own solutions to the priority issues that they have identified. Each of the sites have established social, educational, skill-building and recreational activities. Through these activities, they hope to break down social isolation and enable relationship building and support among residents. Outreach to community women and partner organizations is an ongoing activity.

A major goal of the women in North Point Douglas is to establish a women's centre. Through a partnership with the North End Community Renewal Corporation and funding from Neighbourhoods Alive!, they have made great progress towards this goal. There is, however, much more work to be done. Presently, the community women are trying to secure funds to purchase and develop a building for the centre and to ensure sustainable support for North Point Douglas programs.

In the West Central site, community women, with the support of an ever-increasing number of partner organizations, are improving the accessibility and affordability of existing community resources and developing new resources. Issues of sustainability beyond this fiscal year, when the project phase ends, also concern the women of West Central. They are confident that some of the activities and programs will continue through some of the partner organizations, however, they have identified coordination and outreach as requiring continued support.

The project owes its success to the enthusiasm and commitment of local project staff, advisory committee members, partner organizations, and the many women who contribute in various ways and participate in programs and activities. The Social Planning Council continues to support the project through consultation, mentoring and coordination.

Our thanks are expressed to Population and Public Health Branch, Health Canada; the Multiculturalism Program, Canadian Heritage; the Community Mobilization Program under the federal Department of Justice; and the Manitoba Government's Neighbourhoods Alive! Initiative for their financial and program support.

Youth Engagement in Planning for Healthy Outcomes for Youth

The Youth Engagement Project has moved to consolidating findings and distilling essential messages collected from 196 youth during an active data gathering stage that began in January 2001. The project remains guided by the central principle that youth must be meaningfully engaged in naming the issues that affect today's youth, and in developing solutions to address these issues.

Three youth workers, with the supervision of a SPC staff member and added guidance from a steering committee, set out to identify elements of an engagement process that would respond to youth needs, with special emphasis given to youth who are not normally reached, including Aboriginal youth, youth belonging to ethnocultural communities, and street youth. The youth team completed their community outreach work and data collection in Spring of 2001 and went on to analyze considerable data, which formed the basis of a substantial in-house report entitled "Findings of the Youth Engagement Project; Youth Views on Community Partnerships" completed in September 2001.

The youth workers have now moved on to other opportunities. We thank them for the hard work and creative ideas that they invested in the project and wish them continued success with their future pursuits. We also thank the many youth and staff of youth-serving agencies who generously shared their views and time with the youth workers.

The Social Planning Council has contracted with a marketing and communications firm, which will work with a SPC staff coordinator to prepare and market test a handbook on practical methods of youth engagement, intended primarily for government and agency audiences. The handbook will distill essential themes and lessons drawn from the September 2001 preliminary report. This product will provide clear advice on workable ways to open the doors to inclusive participation of diverse youth at all levels of the community — in policy decisions, planning and development, and implementation of programs, including programs for youth. We have also engaged an experienced youth leader from the Aboriginal community who will work to solicit feedback from youth on a draft of the handbook. A review by a youth focus group will help to ensure that we retain messages that resonate with youth, and that the final product is seen as authentic and valid by youth, as well as useful to our target audience.

Again, we thank the Population and Public Health Branch, Health Canada for sustained support and commitment to this project.

Wellbeing in the Workplace

Christine Ogaranko — Senior Policy Analyst

The Wellbeing in the Workplace Initiative was started by the Canadian Mental Health Association - Manitoba Division (CMHA) in 1996 to assist in developing organizations, improving employee and organization wellbeing, reducing stress and injuries in the workplace, and increasing organizational performance. From early discussion and a literature review, the project has evolved into a coordinated and comprehensive research and intervention strategy with several components.

The administration of the project, including the Wellbeing in the Workplace Advisory Committee, now falls under the auspices of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. The project receives its primary funding from The Winnipeg Foundation. The Committee represents business, labour, government and university interests. The purpose of the Wellbeing in the Workplace Advisory Committee is to develop and share knowledge with organizations and workers to help them evaluate and improve both employee health and organizational productivity. The general approach is to encourage sustained collaboration between workers and managers.

Reporting to the Board of Directors of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, the Wellbeing in the Workplace Advisory Committee is responsible for the planning and implementation of the Wellbeing in the Workplace project, which includes the following:

- Providing workshops for employers and employees,
- Preparing and distributing publications, and
- Conducting intervention studies to test a joint labour-management approach to assessment, intervention, and evaluation of the impacts of interventions on worker health.

The Wellbeing in the Workplace Advisory Committee is currently involved in a pilot study with Red River College to evaluate a healthy organization intervention process. The Committee is in the midst of pursuing additional pilot sites for the project as well as developing a manual for employees and managers.

Aboriginal Outreach REPORT

George Monroe — Project Consultant

Voluntary Sector Initiative

Since the announcement of The Federal Accord on December 5, 2001, the next phase of taking the Accord forward has begun in earnest. The National Aboriginal Reference Group is commissioning the production of a video to help publicize the Accord in Aboriginal communities. The Reference Group is also holding a series of focus group sessions in a number of locations across Canada, including Winnipeg.

The Federal Voluntary Sector Initiative is also holding a series of pooled consultations across Canada where the different tables (e.g. The Accord Table, the Awareness Table) inform participants on the progress they have made and the issues they wish to address and receive feedback on. In Winnipeg, the Aboriginal community has been well represented at the table.

Housing & Homelessness

With only a year and a half remaining in the Homelessness Initiative, it is imperative that money starts to flow, especially to the Aboriginal community. To date, out of a $10 million allocation, little more than $500,000 has been spent. Community groups and government are developing new strategies to streamline the funding process to allow communities better access to much needed resources.

Long-term solutions to housing issues are still being pursued by the Inner-City Housing Coalition, which is developing proposals with the three levels of government, the private sector, labour, and financial institutions. The idea of a housing foundation is one such proposal being put forward. Another is the idea of a national urban Aboriginal housing policy.

Community Urban Futures Group

The Community Urban Futures Group, spearheaded by the Community Education Development Association, is a loose coalition comprised of housing and Aboriginal groups, and the University of Winnipeg. Recently, a survey of 100 community organizations regarding the end of the Winnipeg Development Agreement, which sparked the Core Area Renewal project, overwhelmingly recommended the continuation of this five-year agreement with more focused community participation at every level. Accordingly, a meeting will be held in May to which all three levels of government will be invited to receive the community's input and proposals for a new agreement.

Centre of Excellence — Special Initiatives REPORT

Anita Moore — Centre of Excellence Representative to the SPC Board of Directors

The first full year of operation of the Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities saw a tremendous amount of work as we moved toward our vision of "prairie communities that nurture and enhance the physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and social development of children and youth." The Centre, governed by a cross prairie partnership of Aboriginal, community, government and university representatives, receives administrative leadership from the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. These organizations provide direction to the work of the Centre, ensuring the mutual engagement of community members, professionals and academics in improving the health and well-being of our children and youth. Funding for the Centre has been provided by Health Canada.

Over the past year the administrative capacity of the Centre has evolved, networks have been developed and research has begun. Three interim sub-committees supported the work of the Centre: an interim Executive Committee, which developed a revised conceptual framework and research strategy; the Managing Director Search Committee; and an interim Research Sub-Committee, which evaluated the research implementation plans prepared by the Centre's site partners. In December 2001, the Centre formalized its committee structure, completing and approving terms of reference for the Management and Executive Committees, as well as the Research and Communications Sub-committees.

For much of the year the Centre operated with Interim Directors and staff support from SPC. I want to take this opportunity to thank Scott DeJaegher who acted as Interim Director from April to June 2001, and Harpa Isfeld who served as Interim Director from August to October 2001. Since October 2001, a permanent Director, Darren Lezubski, has been in place. Mr. Lezubski has taken steps to develop a closer relationship with Health Canada and further partnerships with other Centres of Excellence and stakeholders.

On January 8, 2002 we held a successful launch of the Centre highlighting our research agenda and partners across the Prairies. Simultaneous launches were held in our six research sites. Each site received media coverage fostering increased awareness of Health Canada's Centre of Excellence program, our Prairie Centre and the work of each individual site. The Centre also co-sponsored a public address with SPC by the Premier of Manitoba. We continue to seek opportunities to increase awareness of the Centre and its research agenda.

Partnerships remain an important basis of our work and are critical to our ability to support community capacity building and participatory action research. The past year has presented opportunities and challenges that have strengthened commitments and the relationship between the Centre and its site partners. Centre and site staff have worked hard to maintain existing partnerships and establish new ones. We have involved hundreds of people and organizations across the Prairies, capitalizing on community expertise. This collaborative approach is not only a key strength of our research agenda but also a major accomplishment of the past year.

More exciting developments are just around the corner as the Centre and its site partners will soon complete the initial research phase and begin to publish our findings.

Centre of Excellence Administrative Structure

COE Management Committee

Dr. Sid Frankel (Chair)
Arlene Chapman
Sharon Doyle
*Gary Ledoux
Nazeem Muhajarine
Diane Redsky
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Greg Zador
Ray Ali
Barbara Crutchley
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Alternate Committee Members

Judy Bartlett
Cate Harrington
Michael Dudley
Dennis Chubb
Jeanne Whalen

Federal Government Liaison

Anita Neville

COE Sub-Committees

Executive Committee
Communications Sub-Committee
Research Sub-Committee

COE Prairie Sites

Brandon - School of Health Studies, Brandon University
Calgary - Aspen Family & Community Network
Edmonton - Edmonton Social Planning Council
Regina - Council on Social Development
Saskatoon - Saskatchewan Population Health & Evaluation Research Unit
Winnipeg - Institute of Urban Studies

* Ex-Officio members

Centre of Excellence Launch — January 2002

Scenes from SPC

The Third Annual State of the City Address, "Rebuilding Our Neighbourhoods", delivered by His Worship Mayor Glen Murray on March 12, 2002, drew over 300 participants. The Mayor presented his ideas on housing, renewal, and neighbourhood revitalization.

In November, the "2001 Report on Child Poverty in Manitoba - Promises Not Kept" drew attention to the government's failure, for the second consecutive year, to fulfill their promise to eliminate child poverty in Canada by the year 2000.

Premier Gary Doer's State of the Province Address "Building Strong Urban Communities," held on January 22, 2002, provided a valuable opportunity for the Premier to speak to SPC members and the greater community on his government's plans to address such issues as community development, minimum wage, early childhood programs, and health care.

Scenes from 2001/2002 would not be complete without a picture of 'the flood'. A ruptured pipe had us ankle deep in water for days and neck deep in displaced files for months. A great deal of patience and sufficient insurance coverage saw us through.

Our PEOPLE

Board of Directors

Kevin Chief	Dorothy Dobbie
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Sandy Hyman	Member at Large
Anita Moore	Member at Large

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Barbara Palace	Marketing and Membership Services Committee
Anita Moore	Liaison to the Centre of Excellence Management Committee

Centre of Excellence Staff

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Wayne Helgason	Executive Director
Christine Ogaranko	Senior Policy Analyst
*Maureen Kalloo	Research Director
Harpa Isfeld	Communications Officer/Policy Analyst
Donna Downie	Office Manager
Audrey Wheeler	Receptionist
*Kristin Hildebrand	Receptionist

Our PEOPLE

Contract Positions

*George Munroe	Aboriginal Outreach Project Consultant
Darcey Bell	Network & Event Coordination/Policy Analyst
Jason Wilson	Community/Youth Liaison
*Patti Stewart Bruneau	Communications Officer
*Crystal Bruneau	Archival of Files
*Angela Mulgrew	Research Assistant, Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative
*Richard Kanne	Technical Support to Projects

Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities

Darren Lezubski	Managing Director	Melissa Kanne	Site Coordinator
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*Harpa Isfeld	Interim Managing Director	Ed Suzuki	Research Manager
Sue Tam	Executive Assistant	Emma Mwanza	Graduate Student Volunteer
*Darcey Bell	Site Coordinator		

Community Empowerment Project for Women by Women

Maureen Kalloo	SPC Staff Liaison

West Central Neighbourhood Project

Linda Orr	Project Outreach Worker
Sara Comrie	Administrative Officer
*Carol Cote	Project Outreach Worker

North Point Douglas

Cindy Stroppa	Project Outreach Worker
Sandy Dzedora	Project Manager
*Nancy Grant	Project Facilitator

Student Placements and Summer Employment

*Shelley Gallagher	Faculty of Social Work Student Placement
*Damon Van Steelandt	Faculty of Social Work Student Placement
*Eric Nilsen	Youth Summit Coordinator
*Misty Perreault	Youth Empowerment Project
*Monica Dominguez Majano	Youth Empowerment Project
*Vincent Fielding	Youth Empowerment Project

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Auditor's REPORT

To the Members of
Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

We have audited the financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg as at March 31, 2002 and for the year then ended which includes the statements of financial position, operations and changes in net assets and cash flows, and notes to the financial statements, which we have reported thereon, without reservation, to the Planning Council on April 26, 2002.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these summarized statements fairly present the information contained in the financial statements of Social Planning Council of Winnipeg for the year ended March 31, 2002 from which they have been derived.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba

April 26, 2002

Financial REPORT

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WINNPEG

Summarized Financial Statements
Year Ended March 31, 2002

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	March 31 2002	2001
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	$ 177,870	$ 38,908
Short-term deposit	120,000	120,000
Accounts receivable	110,839	158,506
Prepaid expenses	4,257	2,815
	$ 412,966	$ 320,229
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	$ 118,628	$ 145,589
Deferred Special Projects revenue	229,969	135,139
	348,597	280,728
REVENUE STABILIZATION FUND, RESEARCH FUND AND NET ASSETS		
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 33,000	$ 33,000
RESEARCH FUND	16,000	-
NET ASSETS	15,369	6,501
	$ 412,966	$ 320,229

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Bill Fraser ..... President

..... Treasurer

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	March 31 2002	2001
REVENUE		
Special Projects revenue	$ 523,156	$ 508,276
Centre of Excellence revenue	649,494	301,138
United Way of Winnipeg	274,800	274,800
Affiliation fees	4,218	4,788
Sale of publications	-	58
Other	9,885	9,255
	1,461,553	1,098,315
EXPENSES		
Special Projects expense	441,290	416,883
Centre of Excellence expense	649,494	301,138
Salaries and wages	243,930	294,475
Office and maintenance	52,371	42,470
Administration	49,600	34,573
	1,436,685	1,089,539
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR PRIOR TO APPROPRIATION	24,868	8,776
APPROPRIATION TO RESEARCH FUND	(16,000)	-
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	8,868	8,776
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,501	(2,275)
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	$ 15,369	$ 6,501

A complete set of financial statements and Auditor's Report may be obtained from the Council.

Financial REPORT

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
Schedule of Revenue and Expense
Year Ended March 31, 2002

	2002	2001
REVENUE		
Health Canada Funding	$ 649,494	$ 301,138
	649,494	301,138
EXPENSES		
Salaries and Wages	243,337	129,393
Travel and Accomodation	206,764	110,292
Network Research - 6 Sites	140,556	-
Materials	8,002	8,001
Equipment	12,733	20,137
Rental and Utilities	31,254	30,315
Other expenses	6,848	3,000
	649,494	301,138
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	-	-